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SUBJECT: TRANSGABON RAILWAY

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1. AID/W REPRESENTATIVES INCLUDING DAA/ AFR BROWN AND AFR/CWR SPENCER MET WITH IBRD FEBRUARY 28, 1973. (MEMCON BEING POUCHED) IT APPEARS FROM THAT MEETING THAT IBRD POSITION APPARENTLY FIRM AND THEY FIRMLY CONVINCED VIABILITY ROAD/ RIVER ALTERNATIVE.

2. AID/W NOT YET IN RECEIPT COMPLETE DOSSIER FROM IBRD BUT PLAN THOROUGH REVIEW ON RECEIPT. IN MEETING MARCH 15 WITH FED DEPUTY DIRECTLY FERRANDI (SEPTEL THAT CONVERSATION FOLLOWS), FERRANDI INDICATED FED WOULD HAVE THEIR ANALYSIS OF SUBJECT PROJECT AND OF IBRD POSITION AVAILABLE FOR AID/W REVIEW TWO/THREE WEEKS. FERRANDI SUGGESTS DONOR'S MEETING LATE APRIL TO CONSIDER PROJECT AND IBRD/FED DOSSIERS. AID/W CONCURS THIS PROCEDURE.

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3. AID/ W REPRESENTATIVES HAVE ALSO MET WITH GABONESE AMBASSADOR AND PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELLOR VION ON FEBRUARY 26, 1973. VION AFFIRMED GOG'S INTENT PURSUE PROJECT WITH OR WITHOUT IBRD AND URGED U. S. MAINTAIN ITS COMMITMENT FINANCING SUBJECT RAILWAY. AID/ W POSITION STATED AS PER REF (B). VION, HOWEVER, ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT POSSIBILIITY HOUSING GUARANTY FOR ASSOCIATED RAILWAY HOUSING. SEPTEL FOLLOWS. GDS ROGERS

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